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conditions are alarmed to aler' the operator to take corrective action. Under normal conditions, the microprocessor makes the appropriate correction to keep the system running on set points.

Several sequencing programs are now available to automatically set up valves and sub-systems to:

- 1. Start up components in proper sequence based on programmed code.
- 2. Indicate "ready" after programmed conditions are obtained.
- 3. Position valves during short time standby.
- 4. Reposition valves after X minutes in standby to provide flushing of applicator heads.
- 5. Secure system at end of a run or at operator's command by sequencing through a clean up cycle, drain, and shutdown; all field programmable to meet customer's requirements.

In addition, the microprocessor contains the necessary software and hardware to track range speed. As a line goes through start, accelerating to processing speeds, deceleration for splices, and reacceleration, the desired add-on rate is maintained. Since there is a delay between liquid delivery and application that is unacceptable, the pressure at the applicator is programmed to assure the proper levels of add-ons and product penetration. Control feedback plus use of a bypass loop assures that the correct add-on is maintained as the range accelerates or decelerates.

Summary

The technology of foam application to moving substrates is well established with more than 90 systems installed on a variety of products.

Government demands for reduced chemical waste discharge and the need to reduce consumption of expensive chemical applicants are just two reasons for using chemical foam systems.

Continued interest in foam technology from customers throughout the world has confirmed that chemical foam systems must still be considered as an important finishing and coating technique.





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